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**Claude W. Hicks, Jr.**  
Chief Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Furman 1967 BA; Mercer 1970 JD  
Began Service: 1986  
Term Expires: 2010

**Judicial:** United States Magistrate Judge (part-time), United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia (1983-1986)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1970-1986)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve (1967-1975)

**Current Memberships:** Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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**Richard L. Hodge**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Mercer 1977 JD  
Began Service: August 26, 1993  
Term Expires: August 25, 2009

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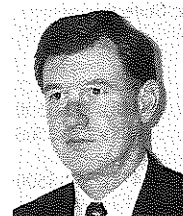
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**G. Mallon Faircloth**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: Tennessee 1965 BS, 1968 JD  
Began Service: July 1, 1999  
Term Expires: June 30, 2007



**Judicial:** Judge, Superior Courts of Georgia, Cordele Judicial Circuit (1981-1999)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1968-1981)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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**Number of Judgeships:** 3

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**Robert F. Hershner, Jr.**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: Mercer 1966 AB, 1969 JD  
Began Service: December 1, 1980

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Mercer University (1982-1984)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Adams, O'Neal, Hemingway & Kaplan (1972-1976); Partner, Kaplan & Hershner (1976-1980); Counsel, Georgia Legal Services Corporation

**Military Service:** United States Army (1970-1975)

**Current Memberships:** Georgia Bar Association; Macon Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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**John T. Laney III**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: Mercer 1964 AB, 1966 JD  
Began Service: October 1, 1986  
Term Expires: October 1, 2014

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Swift, Pease, Davidson & Chapman (1970-1973); Member, Page, Scrantom, Harris & Chapman (1973-1986)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1964-1970)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Columbus Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Georgia

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**James D. Walker, Jr.**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Augusta 1970 BA; South Carolina 1974 JD  
Began Service: November 3, 1993  
Term Expires: November 2, 2007

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**Number of Judgeships:** 11

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**Orinda D. Evans**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Duke 1965 AB; Emory 1968 JD; Virginia 1998 LLM  
Began Service: August 1979  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Emory University Law School (1974-1977)

**Legal Practice:** Associate Partner, Fisher & Phillips (1968-1969); Partner, Alston, Miller & Gaines (now Alston & Bird) (1974-1979)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Atlanta Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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**Harold L. Murphy**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1927  
Education: Georgia 1949 LLB  
Began Service: August 9, 1977  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Government:** State Representative Harold L. Murphy (GA), Georgia General Assembly (1951-1961); Assistant Solicitor General, Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit, State of Georgia (1956)

**Judicial:** Superior Court Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit (1971-1977)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1948-1958); Partner, Howe & Murphy (1958-1964); Partner, Howe & Murphy (1964-1971)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1945-1946)

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